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1. PARIS TALKS

MOST PAPERS CARRY PIC EA'S HOLBROOKE/SRV'S PHAN HIEN SHAKING
HANDS (AP NYT, PHINQ; UPI SUN, NYDN). CSM HAS UPI PIC US/
SRV DELS SEATED AT OVAL TABLE.

US/SRV OPEN FORMAL NEGOTS; BOTH DESCRIBE TALKS AS "VERY
USEFUL." SOURCES SAY AGREEMENT ON DIPL RELS LIKELY W/IN
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FEW DAYS; US WOULD ALSO STOP BLOCKING SRV ENTRY INTO UN.
HANOI WANTS REPARATIONS, BUT APPARENTLY ISSUE WILL BE
DEFERRED (WSJ). TUES MTG LASTED 3-1/2 HRS AT SRV EMB.
HOLBROOKE CALLS DISCUSSION "FRANK, FRIENDLY AND VERY USE-
FUL." SRV SPOKESMAN SAYS NO DETAILS OF TALKS WILL BE DIS-
CLOSED UNTIL END (SUN' AP, PHINQ). DIPL SOURCES SAY
AGREEMENT MAY BE EXPECTED SOON ON EXCHANGE AMBS/LIFTING US
VETO AT UN/QUESTION US AID (VALERY, NYDN PARIS).

HOAGLAND (WP PARIS) REPORTS DELS BELIEVED DISCUSSING

ESTABLISHMENT DIPL LIAISON MISSION AS STEP TOWARD FULL TIES. ADDS PRESENCE DOS' SIEVERTS INDICATES FATE MIAS IS KEY ITEM ON AGENDA, THO SRV KNOWN FEEL CAN OFFER LITTLE MORE THAN SYMBOLIC HELP ON ISSUE. BROWNING (CSM PARIS) SAYS US OFFICIALS SO EAGER LEAVE OPTIONS OPEN THAT UNSURE HOW LONG 1ST SERIES MTGS WILL GO ON BEFORE SHIFTING FROM SRV EMB TO AMEMB. NOTES AT SOME POINT HOLBROOKE EXPECTED FLY BACK TO US FOR CONSULTATIONS. SEES SRV DEMAND FOR 3.25 BILLION DOLS AID NIXON "PROMISED" AS BIGGEST POTENTIAL STICKING POINT.

ISAACS (SUN HK) POINTS OUT HANOI DECLARED 5/3 THAT NORMALIZING RELS W/US/SUPPLYING MIA INFO "INTERRELATED" W/US "OBLIGATION" PROVIDE AID. NOTES "NHAN DAN" COMMENTARY APPEARED AS HOLBROOKE OPENED FORMAL NEGOTS AT PARIS.

LEWIS (NYT PARIS) SEES NO SIGN HOW LONG PARIS MTGS WILL LAST, THO OFFICIALS SAY MAY WIND UP THIS WK. FINDS SPECULATION THAT SOME SORT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE MAY BE POSSIBLE, W/LONG SERIES ISSUES TO BE DEALT W/LATER BY SPECIAL COMMISSIONS. REVIEWS BOTH SIDES' MAJOR ISSUES. CITES HANOI BROADCAST/"NHAN DAN" COMMENTARY ON ISSUES. ADDS CARTER ADMIN HAS NOT TAKEN PUBLIC POSITION ON AID ISSUE.

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FORMER SECSTATE HAK ADDRESSED US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TUES' SAID, INTER ALIA, THERE WAS NO US COMMITMENT SUPPLY RECONSTRUCTION AID TO VN/"ABSURD" TO SAY SRV HAS RIGHT TO ECON HELP, SINCE HANOI "BROKE EVERY PROVISION" C-F (WSJ; AP, NYDN; UPI, NYT). SAID THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF 3.25 BILLION DOL AID PROGRAM, BUT WAS DEPENDENT ON CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES OF US/CARRYING OUT OTHER PROVISIONS (UPI, NYT).

LECAZE (WP) REVIEWS HAK REMARKS ON SRV AID. NOTES AUDIENCE APPLAUDED AT BEGINNING/END SPEECH. TREWHITT (SUN) QUOTES HAK THE HE WOULD "VIOLENTLY OBJECT" TO US PAYMENT REPARATIONS TO SRV; WOULD BE WILLING DISCUSS ECON AID, BUT IN TERMS PRIORITY WOULD "PUT VIETNAM IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER."

3. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

THARP (CSM TOKYO) REPORTS ON ANTI-SRV REMARKS/DETAILS GIVEN BY ESCAPED NATL ASSY MEMBER NGUYEN CONG HOAN AT TOKYO.

TEN VIET REFUGEES PICKED UP BY S AFR SHIP IN S CHINA SEA REACH DURBAN. S AFR OFFICIALS NEGOTIATE W/UN FOR TRAVEL

DOCUMENTS FOR REFUGEES (LAT 5/1).

4. JAPAN

FUKUDA LEFT TOKYO 5/4 FOR GENEVA MTG THURS W/CHIEFS
JAPANESE OVERSEAS DIPL MISSIONS BEFORE CONTINUING ON
TO LONDON ECON SUMMIT 5/7 (REUTER TOKYO).

ADMIN SOURCES SAY US HOPES UPCOMING NATO TALKS/ECON SUMMIT
WILL ENCOURAGE GREATER SENSE LEADERSHIP/MORE POL IMPETUS
TOWARD SOLVING COMPLEX ECON/MIL/POL WORLD PROBLEMS.
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CARTER WILL ATTEMPT IMBUE UK/FRG/France/ITALY/JAPAN/CANADA
W/OWN OPTIMISTIC POL APPROACH/MORALISTIC FOPOL VIEW.
SOURCES ADD CONF SHOULD FIND "NEW PATTERNS OF LEADERSHIP
AND PURPOSE" (MOHR, NYT).

DICTAPHONE CORP TO TRANSFER FROM CONN TO JAPAN MFR DESKTOP
CASSETTE DICTATING MACHINE, WHICH REPRESENTS ABOUT 60
PCT FIRM'S DICTATING MACHINE SALES. CORP PRES SAID MFG
COST IN CONN "WELL OVER" 25 PCT HIGHER THAN IN JAPAN
(WSJ).

WP'S SAAR (TOKYO) REPORTS JAPAN'S JUSTICE SYSTEM FACES
KEY TEST IN "JAPAN'S GARY GILMORE" CASE. MURDERER WISHES
DEATH, THO COURT LAYWER SAY HE'S INSANE.
CONTROVERSY NOT OVER CAPITAL HUNISHMENT, BUT POSES QUES-
TIONS RE JAPANESE ATTITUDES TOWARD CRIMINAL INSANITY/CON-
VICT'S MENTAL CAPACITY SEEK OWN CONVICTION/DEATH.

5. JAPAN/CHINA

JAPAN SENT 20-MAN BANKING MISSION FOR 10-DAY PRC VISIT
5/4 TO PROMOTE ECON RELS/COOPERATION. JAPANESE WILL
MEET W/CHINESE GOVT/FINANCE LEADERS, WHILE INSPECTING
SHANGHAI/HANGCHOW INDUSTRIAL/AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES
(REUTER TOKYO).

6. CHINA

SZECHWAN PROVINCE OFFICIALS HAVE ISSUED URGENT INSTRUCTIONS
TO OVERCOME "VERY GREAT DIFFICULTIES" THREATENING THIS
YR'S CROPS/INDICATED TOO MUCH OF LABOR FORCE USED ON NON-
AGRIC PROJECTS. PEKING RADIO INDICATED TASKS DEVELOP
SZECHWAN AGRIC MORE PRESSING/URGENT THAN IN OTHER PARTS
PRC (REUTER PEKING).

SIXTEEN COLORADO SCHOOLCHILDREN WHO VISITED PRC GIVEN HIGH
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MARKS BY ORGANIZER KIRKPATRICK/WRITE IMPRESSIONS OF PEOPLE/
COMMUNES/ETC FOR AP (LAT 5/1).

ROCG HAS TAKEN FIRST STEP UPGRADE HOTEL TRADE. HOTELS
NO LONGER REGARDED AS "SPECIAL BUSINESS"--EUPHEMISM FOR
PLEASURE PEDDLING ESTABLISHMENTS (UPI TAIPEI, LAT 5/2).

7. INDONESIA

ACCORDING PRELIMINARY JAKARTA REPORTS, INDONESIA'S RULING
GOLKAR COALITION RETAINED CONTROL PARLIAMENT/WON 64 PCT
OF 44 MILLION VOTES COUNTED VS 29 PCT FOR MUSLIM OPPOSI-
TION (WP).

8. KOREA

ROK SOLDIER KILLED/ANOTHER WOUNDED BY NK GUNFIRE 5/3 IN
1ST BORDER INCIDENT BETWEEN N-S KOREA SINCE LAST AUGUST.
US-LED UN COMMAND CALLED MEETING JOINT MIL ARMISTICE
COMMISSION FOR 5/5 TO LODGE PROTEST WITH NK (REUTER
SEOUL).

LAT RELIGION WRITER RUSSELL CHANDLER REPORTS HOW 4 FORMER
MOONIES BECAME INVOLVED WITH CHURCH/THEY SAY HAVE CHANGED
AFTER COURT FIGHT/DEPROGRAMMING. WOMEN BELIEVE HAD BEEN
UNDER FORM OF "MIND CONTROL" WHILE IN CHURCH/DISCUSS
DEPROGRAMMING PROCESS. ONE OF FORMER "FAITHFUL 5" HAS
QUIT PROGRAM/STILL ACTIVE IN SECT.

IN 4/26 LETTER TO NYT (PUBLISHED 5/4) TOH SANG MOON,
PRESS AND INFORMATION ATTACHE OF SK PERMANENT OBSERVER
OFFICE TO UN, SAYS NYT 4/24 EDITORIAL ON KOREA CONTAINED
FACTUAL MISTAKES/LACKED UNDERSTANDING ABOUT KOREAN
PENINSULA SITUATION. SAYS KIM CHI HA NOT IMPRISONED
BECAUSE OF ANTI-GOVT VIEWS/WAS TRIED/CONVICTED BY OPEN,
INDEPENDENT COURT. KOREAN SITUATION DIFFERENT FROM US--
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COUNTRY FACES PARTICULARLY VICIOUS ENEMY, WITH TROOPS ONLY
25 MILES FROM CAPITAL/ARTILLERY CAPABLE OF DESTROYING
CITY. LAWS/SYSTEM DESIGNED PROTECT NATION FROM WHAT
CONSIDERED VERY REAL THREAT. SK'S HIGHEST PRIORITY IS
PROTECT 35 MILLION CITIZENS/CONTINUE EFFORTS TOWARD
NATL SURVIVAL.

9. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

QUESTIONED BEFORE PARLIAMENT 5/4, FRASER DENIED "SYDNEY
SUN" REPORT HIS LIBERAL PARTY HAD RECEIVED CIA FUNDS
FOR PAST DECADE TO ENABLE THEM STAY IN POWER. OPPOSITION
LABOR PARTY/TRADE UNIONS ALREADY PRESSING FRASER HOLD

OFFICIAL INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS BY US CODE CLERK THAT CIA OPERATED MAJOR UNDERCOVER NETWORK IN AUSTRALIA (REUTER CANBERRA).

WSJ'S NEWMAN DOES ITEM FROM PALMERSTON NORTH ON NZ'S GREATEST PRIDE--ITS HARDY GRASS, WHICH NATIVES SAY ALSO RESULTS IN PRODUCING BETTER SHEEP.

10. MICRONESIA

FRONT-PG WP STORY (WOODWARD) CITES SEN INTELL CMTE REPORT STATING HAK APPROVED SERIES CIA CLANDESTINE INTELL GATHERING/SPYING OPNS IN MICRONESIA IN OCT 1973. REPORT CRITICIZED OPNS/SAID THEY HAVE BEEN TERMINATED. HAK COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT. VOLZ (NYDN) ADDS ACTIVITIES AIMED AT KEEPING TABS ON ISLANDS' GROUND MOVEMENT TO WIN INDEPENDENCE FROM US. SEN PANEL ALSO CONCLUDED CIA ACTIVITIES DIDN'T INFLUENCE COURSE/STATUS NEGOTS OR ANY AGREEMENTS REACHED BETW US/TRUST TERR (AP, SUN).

11. GENERAL

SENATE/HOUSE PANELS 5/3 VOTED MAJOR CUTS IN US MIL AID/MIL UNCLASSIFIED

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ADVISORY GROUPS STATIONED IN FRIENDLY COUNTRIES. IGNORING CARTER ADMIN WARNINGS OF NEGATIVE POL IMPACT, SFRC FON ASSISTANCE SUBCMTE VOTED STOP US MIL GRANTS TO INDONESIA/ THAILAND. DOS LETTER, READ TO SENS JUST BEFORE DECISION, EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ASIAN PERCEPTION THAT US "LOSING INTEREST IN ITS LONGTIME FRIENDS" NOW THAT INDOCHINA WAR OVER. INDONESIA/THAI PROGRAMS SHIFTED TO GOVT-BACKED LOANS FOR ARMS PURCHASES. AMONG COUNTRIES LOSING US MIL ADVISORY GROUPS ARE TAIWAN/JAPAN (OBERDORFER, WP).

CARTER ADMIN HAS DECIDED HELP US SUGAR FARMERS W/MAX 2 CENTS PER LB SUBSIDY; OPTION REJECTS ANY LIMIT ON CHEAPER IMPORTS/RUNS CONTRARY TO ITC'S MARCH RECOMMENDATION FOR IMPORT REDUCTION (CURRY, WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. JAPAN

EVANS/NOVAK (WP) STATE CARTER HAS MADE CLEAR STRAUSS, NOT DOS/DOT, CALLING SHOTS ON US-JAPAN COLOR TV NEGOTS. SAY PRES GOT FAULTY ADVICE FROM DOS/DOT RE TV IMPORTS THAT LED TO BLUNDER IN CARTER/FUKUDA MTG. BELIEVE STRAUSS, THO NOVICE, HAS "INTRODUCED POLITICAL REALITIES" TO ECON POL GROUP MTGS. NOTE AFTER UNPRODUCTIVE TOKYO MTG, STRAUSS AROSE/WENT HOME; QUOTE INSIDER, "THE JAPANESE NEARLY BEAT HIM BACK TO WASHINGTON TO KEEP TALKING."

CONCLUDE COLOR TV ISSUE "FULLY TESTS STRAUSS'S FAMED NEGOTIATING SKILLS," AND FAILURE MIGHT FORCE GENRL TRADE BILL, RESULTING IN LEGISLATION THAT COULD GENERATE WORLD TRADE WAR.

LEWIS (NYT PARIS) STATES ECON SUMMIT WILL GIVE EUR/JAPANESE LEADERS CHANCE SIZE UP CARTER. BOTH FEEL MTG WILL PROVIDE CHANCE LAY FNDNS FOR CLOSER/MORE EVEN RELATIONSHIP W/CARTER THAN HAD W/FORD. LEADERS EXPECTED PROMISE GENERATE NEW LIFE INTO STALLED GATT NEGOTS, BUT LEWIS STATES, UNCLASSIFIED

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"THAT WILL NOT MAKE JAPAN'S SOARING EXPORTS MORE ACCEPTABLE" TO EUR/US. MENTIONS EUR/JAPAN ALSO REMAIN CONCERNED THAT THEIR INTERESTS WILL BE HARMED BY CARTER'S TOUGH STAND AGAINST NUKE PROLIF, THO BOTH AGREE SPREAD DANGEROUS TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE CURBED.

13. PARIS TALKS

MARVIN KALB (CBS RADIO'S "FIRST LINE REPORT" 5/3) CITES SEVERAL US OVERTURES TO VN, STATES ALMOST SEEMS US TRYING "EXPIATE" SIN ACQUIRED DURING WAR BY "BOMBARDING HANOI" W/FRIENDSHIP. BELIEVES ADMIN READY FOR QUICK NORMALIZATION, EVEN TO POINT AMB EXCHANGE. POSTULATES ADMIN SEES VN AS MOST POWERFUL NATION IN UNSTABLE SEA, THEREFORE MAKES SENSE HAVE RELS W/VN. IN ADDITION, US OIL COS WANT RTS TO WIDEN EXPLORATIONS OFF VN'S COAST IN S CHINA SEA. CONCLUDES PARIS TALKS "WILL SHOW HOW EASY IT WILL BE TO BURY THE PAST."

SMITH (NYT) REMARKS US FOPOL PERSPECTIVES SHARPLY ALTERED SINCE SAIGON FALL. QUOTES VET DIPLOMAT THAT "FOR SO MANY YEARS" VN WAS "FOCUS OF ATTENTION" FOR ENTIRE ASIAN BUREAU, AND AFTER SAIGON FALL "WE SORT OF THRASHED AROUND NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO WITHOUT AN HOURLY VIETNAM-RELATED CRISIS." FORMER INDOCHINA POL "DISSIDENTS" REINSTATED UNDER CARTER, INCL ANTHONY LAKE/PAUL WARNKE/RICHARD MOOSE. EVEN SECSTATE, INVOLVED W/VN BUILDUP AS DEP SECDEF, NOW ADMITS VN INTERVENTION WAS "MISTAKE." SMITH MAINTAINS PRES "QUITE DELIBERATELY" SEES PARIS NEGOTS AS WAY CLEAR AWAY "FINAL DEBRIS" VN WAR.

IN ASIA ITSELF, DISASTER SOME POLICY-MAKERS FELT WOULD FOLLOW VN FALL HASN'T OCCURRED; CARTER ADMIN LOOKS ON "ESSENTIALLY PEACEFUL ASIA." SAYS "TO ITS PLEASANT SURPRISE," US FINDS ITSELF REQUIRED REASSURE NATIONS LIKE INDONESIA/JAPAN/SK/THAILAND/ROC THAT RETRENCHMENT, NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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WITHDRAWAL, IS SOUGHT. QUOTES EA ASST SEC HOLBROOKE

THAT DAY WHEN US "OBSESSED BY SECURITY COMMITMENTS" IS
OVER; FACT "STRENGTHENS US BECAUSE IT FREES US." ADDS
US WANTS PEACEFUL/STABLE ASIA "IN WHICH NO EXTERNAL POWER
DOMINATES."

IN OTHER AREAS, TRADE/ECON ISSUES EXPECTED BE FOCUS CEN-
TURY'S LAST 25 YRS. IMMEDIATE FUTURE CONCERNED W/ADJUST-

ING US MIL PRESENCE IN PAC/KEEPING PLEDGE WITHDRAW US
TROOPS SK. MENTIONS PROBLEM PHILS BASES, QUOTES "HIGH
OFFICIAL" THAT ADMIN FEELS IN STRONG BARGAINING POSITION,
INTENDS BE "SELLERS INSTEAD OF BUYERS." FINALLY, SOME
POLICY-MAKERS FORESEE "FORMULA FOR ACCOMMODATION" IN
US-PRC RELS ON ASSUMPTION PEKING WILL ADAPT TO IDEA SEPAR-
ATE TAIWAN LONG AS US SECURITY COMMITMENT WITHDRAWN. VANCE

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